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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BOTHA'S REMARKS IN PARLIAMENT

1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA, JUNE 6, GAVE QUALIFIED  
ENDORSEMENT TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND SAID ITS SUCCESS  
DEPENDS ON WHETHER IT COULD BRING ABOUT AN END TO THE  
FIGHTING. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE ADVANCE HANSARD TEXT OF THAT SECTION OF  
FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA'S REMARKS IN PARLIAMENT JUNE 6 DEALING  
WITH RHODESIA.

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QUOTE: THE HON. MEMBER REFERRED TO THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT  
LAST YEAR AS A HIGHLIGHT. HE FEARS THAT ANARCHY AND  
TERRORISM ARE INCREASING. HE ASKS WHAT SOUTH AFRICA'S  
STANDPOINT IS ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND THE  
SALISBURY AGREEMENT AND WHETHER WE ARE SUPPORTING THE  
SALISBURY AGREEMENT, THE SO-CALLED INTERNAL AGREEMENT.

THIS IS A VERY DELICATE QUESTION. WE DO NOT PRESCRIBE TO AND INTERFERE WITH RHODESIA. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS NATURALLY VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN A PEACEFUL, AND STABLE SOLUTION BEING REACHED IN SALISBURY AND WE HOPE SUCH A SOLUTION WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE. WE ARE THEREFORE INTERESTED IN ANY SOLUTION IN RHODESIA THAT WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF RHODESIANS AND WOULD BRING ABOUT A STABLE GOVERNMENT WHICH ALSO WOULD ENJOY MAJORITY SUPPORT IN RHODESIA. IT IS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S INTEREST, BUT SOUTH AFRICA CANNOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH THE TYPE OF GOVERNMENT, THE IDEOLOGY, THE PARTICULAR COMPLEXION OF THE PARTY THAT WILL WIN THE ELECTION, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF THAT COUNTRY. IN OUR OPINION THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT IS A STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF A SOLUTION, AND ANY DEVELOPMENT THAT IS A STEP FORWARD IS WELCOMED. BUT IT WILL DEPEND UPON THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT WHETHER THE AGREEMENT IS CONFIRMED, WHETHER IT STICKS, AS THE AMERICANS SAY, WHETHER IT WILL WORK AND BRING ABOUT A DE-ESCALATION OF WARFARE. WE REMAIN IN FAVOUR OF A SOLUTION THAT WILL ATTRACT THE WIDEST POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY, BUT WITHOUT DISCOUNTING THE VERY, VERY GOOD CHANCE THAT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA HAS OF SUCCEEDING. IN THIS RESPECT I WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL TO MR. JOSHUA NKOMO TO RETURN TO SALISBURY AND TO WORK WITH THAT AGREEMENT SO THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL PROCESS CAN BE COMPLETED IN RHODESIA BY THE END OF THIS YEAR WITH, HOPEFULLY, A STABLE GOVERNMENT THERE, SO THAT THROUGH THAT STABILITY IN THE WHOLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA CAN REAP CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGE. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: BOTHA'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS NOTABLY HEDGED. THIS IS THE MOST EXPLICIT HIGH LEVEL SAG STATEMENT TO DATE INDICATING THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT DEPENDS IN PART ON WHETHER IT CAN BRING ABOUT A DE-ESCALATION OF THE FIGHTING. SIGNIFICANTLY, BOTHA DID NOT CRITICIZE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AS DID PRIME MINISTER VORSTER ON MAY 27 (CAPE TOWN 1085). EDMONDSON

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